

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

CHRISTOPHER BRIGGS,

Plaintiff,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT  
OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:25-cv-05274-TMC

ORDER GRANTING  
APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN  
FORMA PAUPERIS

Because Plaintiff does not appear to have funds available to afford the \$405 filing fee, Plaintiff financially qualifies for *in forma pauperis* (IFP) status pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1). Plaintiff's IFP application (Dkt. 1) is GRANTED, as to the financial criteria.

But, based on the allegations in the proposed complaint, it does not appear Plaintiff has met the criteria for IFP required under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(b). Therefore, the Court recommends the complaint be reviewed under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(b).

Plaintiff is advised the assigned United States District Judge will further review the Complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(b). Pending review by the assigned District Judge, a summons may not be issued. If the summons is not issued, then further filings submitted by Plaintiff will not be considered until after the assigned District Judge completes their review under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(b). The Court advises Plaintiff that leave to proceed in forma pauperis does not necessarily entitle Plaintiff to a waiver of any other cost(s) of litigation.

1 The Clerk of the Court is directed to send a copy of this Order to Plaintiff and to  
2 the Honorable Tiffany M. Cartwright.

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5 Dated this 21st day of April, 2025.  
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